



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ervin K. VanDenberg

Serial No: 10/017,823

Examiner: Draper, D.

Filed: 12/7/2001

Art Unit: 3616

Confirmation No.: 7542

For: LIFT AXLE SUSPENSION SYSTEM UTILIZING
DIAPHRAGM CHAMBERS

Docket: 1804-A

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT "A"

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, the Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendments.

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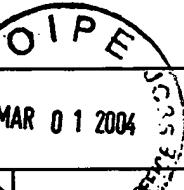
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Under Small Entity Status



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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	39	MINUS	39	0	\$9.00	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	16	MINUS	3	13	\$43.00	\$559

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of _____ to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

_____ one month \$55 _____ three months \$475 _____ five months \$1005
_____ two months \$210 _____ four months \$740

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT	\$559.00
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- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$ 559.00 is attached.
- Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account _____.
- No additional fee is required.

2-25-04

Date


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